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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN
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COOPERATION IN ENLARGING UNIFIL, YOU MAY WISH TO PUT OFF
MEETING UNTIL UN HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED EAST EUROPEAN
PARTICIPATION IN THE FORCE. AS WE UNDERSTAND SITUATION,
WALDHEIM HAS DECIDED TO ASK POLAND TO PROVIDE A MINE
CLEARING UNIT, BUT IS AWAITING ISRAELI AGREEMENT BEFORE

OFFICIALLY PUTTING REQUEST TO POLES. ONCE EAST EUROPEANS ARE PART OF THE OPERATION, SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE ON MATTERS SUCH AS UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT, FINANCING, ETC.

2. IN LIGHT OF WALDHEIM'S DECISION RE POLISH UNIT, WE DO NOT THINK YOU SHOULD AT THIS TIME EXPLORE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION. AFTER FORMAL UN REQUEST IS MADE, HOWEVER, WE WILL WANT TO ENCOURAGE SOVIETS TO AGREE -- IN NEW YORK AND PERHAPS IN MOSCOW. (ONE PROBLEM OF TAKING SOUNDINGS WITH SOVIETS BEFORE THEY ARE ASKED IS THAT WE WOULD EITHER HAVE TO SPECIFY OUR PREFERENCE FOR EE PARTICIPATION IN LOGISTICS CAPACITY OR

LEAVE INFERENCE THAT WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO A LINE CONTINGENT.)

3. FINALLY, WE UNDERSTAND FROM USUN THAT JONAH HAS ASKED US TO SUPPORT WITH ISRAEL UN PROPOSAL THAT POLAND PROVIDE MINE CLEARING UNIT. YOU SHOULD TELL JONAH THAT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ISRAEL WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH A POLISH UNIT, BUT WE THINK IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE UN TO REQUEST ISRAEL'S AGREEMENT WITHOUT US ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, YOU MAY ADD THAT IF ISRAEL UNEXPECTEDLY BALKS AT THE PROPOSAL, WE WOULD THEN BE WILLING TO SUPPORT THE UN'S REQUEST.

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